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Hongkong, November 16, 1909. 124

## WEST RIVER NOTES.

(From Our Own Correspondent.)

**NANNING, May 27th.**  
Rain is badly wanted, not only for the  
crops, but for the river and for the  
navigation. We had some heavy showers  
the other day, and we trust that they are  
the promise of more. Rice, however, is  
still well below \$4.00 a picul.

There have been several cases of plague  
in the city. A big procession was organized  
last week to propitiate the gods. There  
had been some trouble about the turning  
over of a temple to Government use, and  
some malcontents took advantage of this  
plague procession to create a disturbance  
in the scuffle there was snatching and one  
man killed.

The sad news has reached Nanning that  
the Roman Catholic Bishop, who is now in  
Hongkong, has had an unfavorable verdict  
from the doctors concerning his malady.  
Cancer has been diagnosed, and the end is  
very near, it is feared.

A new French consul has been appointed  
to Nanning. Mrs. and Miss Langle and  
children have left for America and will  
return from Hongkong by a.s. China.

Among our visitors we have had the  
Rev. H. O. T. Burkall, of the B. and  
F. Bible Society, Hongkong. He noticed  
many changes in the city and surrounding  
since his last trip, 4 years ago. He expects  
to make another visit in the autumn. The  
new military buildings are almost complete  
now, and the authorities are finishing their  
contracts with the brick kilns.

In a recent interview granted to a  
representative of the Hospital and published  
in that journal, Sir Dyce Duckworth,  
M.D., F.R.C.P., consulting physician to  
St. Bartholomew's Hospital, made some  
interesting and striking remarks in regard  
to the increase of specialization, stating his  
opinion that "the tendency is towards an  
excess of specialization," and further, that  
"the all-round man is getting rare, and  
there is a great want of level-headed men."  
There is too much refinement, and men are  
apt to forget that a good grounding in  
imperative, and that everyone must have  
a sound general knowledge before he starts  
specializing. A good, so-called "abdominal"  
man must be a good general surgeon to be  
a safe man." As a matter of fact, there are  
not a few leaders of the medical profession  
who view with distrust the remarkable  
growth of specialization which has occurred in  
late years. Nowadays everyone wants a  
specialist's opinion, and the question has  
arisen as to whether it is not in the interests  
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Hongkong, January 1, 1909. 12

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155 of 27th inst. the EXCHANGING  
BANKS will be CLOSED for the transac-  
tion of Public Business on FRIDAY, the  
2nd June, 1910.  
Hongkong, May 28, 1910. 873

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By Order, A. R. LOWE, Secretary.  
Hongkong, May 31, 1910. 690

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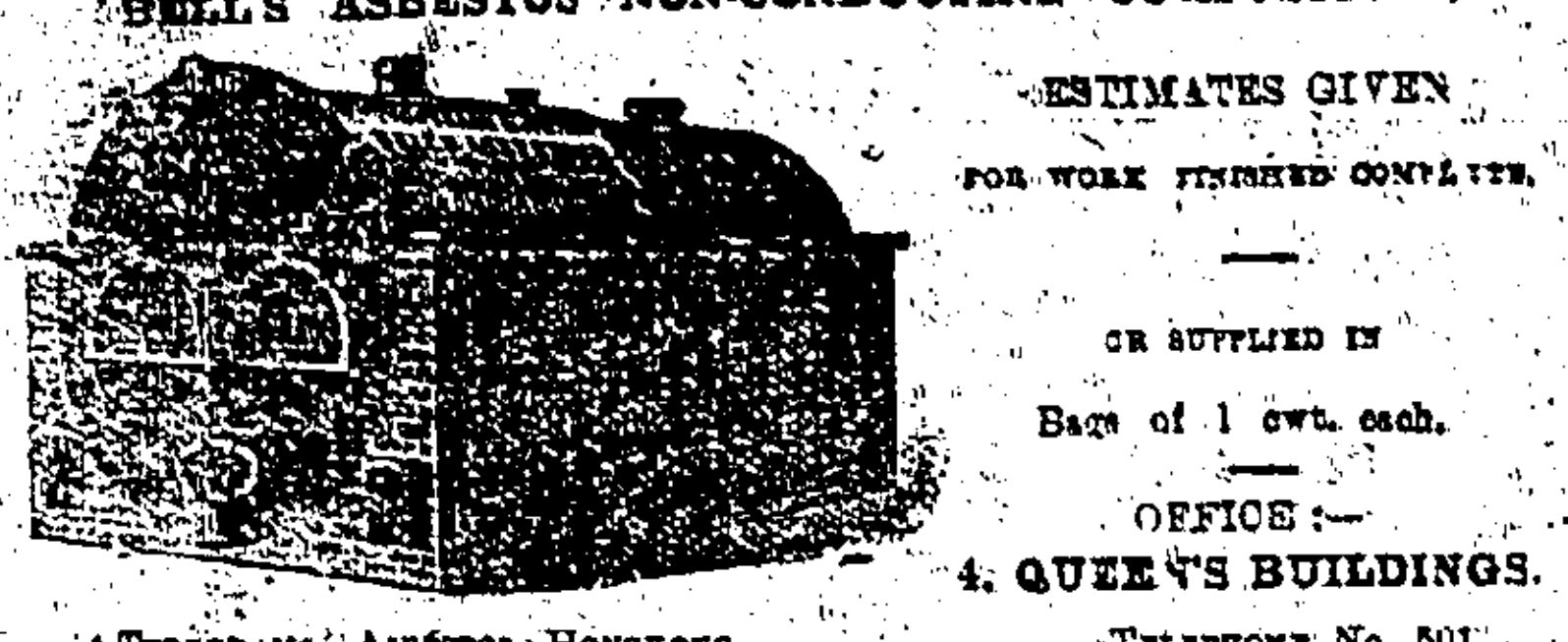
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## THE PORT OF HONGKONG.

## Its Trade and Shipping.

The report of the Harbour Master,  
Commander Basil Taylor, R.N., was laid  
on the table at the meeting of the Legisla-  
tive Council this afternoon.

## Imports.

The total of the shipping entering and  
clearing at ports in the Colony during the  
year 1909 amounted to 527,280 vessels of  
34,830,843 tons, which, compared with that  
for 1908, shows a decrease in numbers of  
4,832 vessels, with an increase in tonnage  
of 413,004 tons. Of this total, 43,794  
vessels of 22,413,125 tons were engaged in  
foreign trade.

Movements of fishing junks are not  
included.

Of ships of European construction, 4,191  
ocean steamers, 7 sailing ships, 3,576 river  
steamers, and 1,580 steam-launches (i.e.,  
steamships not exceeding 60 tons) entered  
during the year, giving a daily average  
entry of 25.6, as compared with 23.3 in  
1908.

The average tonnage of individual ocean  
vessels visiting the port has slightly de-  
creased—from 2,448.6 tons to 2,390.4 tons.  
That of British vessels has remained  
stationary—2,594 as against 2,593—while  
that of Foreign vessels has decreased from  
2,309.9 to 2,305.3 tons. In this connection  
it is interesting to note that during the  
past twenty years the average of ocean  
vessels visiting the Colony has risen from  
1,182.2 tons to 2,390.4 tons.

The average tonnage of river steamers  
entered during the year decreased from  
605.3 tons to 620.6 tons, that of British  
river steamers, from 687 tons to 640.4 tons,  
and that of Foreign river steamers from  
563.2 to 538.1 tons.

There is an increase in British ocean  
shipping of 207 ships of 230,567 net register  
tons, or of 5.3 per cent. in numbers and 3  
per cent. in tonnage, which points to a  
continuance of the revival of trade noted  
in my report for 1908. The improvement has  
been continuous throughout the year.

British river steamers have decreased by  
436 ships of 585,728 tons, or 7.4 per cent.  
in numbers and 13 per cent. in tonnage.  
This is due to the loss of two large  
steamers, the Pawan and Yinking, which  
ran for half of 1908; to the withdrawal of  
two smaller steamers, the Hoi Sang and  
Kwong Fat; and to the laying up, during  
three months of 1909, of another small  
steamer, the Tak Hing.

Foreign ocean vessels have increased by  
186 ships of 460,072 tons, or 4.5 per cent.  
in numbers and 6.2 per cent. in tonnage.  
This increase is due almost entirely to  
the ships of the United States, which have  
also shown under the Norwegian and  
Swedish flags of 58 ships of 14,400 tons,  
and 47 ships of 70,265 tons, respectively.  
Portuguese and Dutch flags also show small  
increases. The principal decreases are  
under French and German colours—of 45  
ships of 58,133 tons and 19 ships of 16,848  
tons, respectively; small decreases being  
shown under Russian, Austrian, and Italian  
flags. Under the United States flag there  
was an increase of 7 ships with a decrease  
in tonnage of 42,211 tons; while there was  
a similar fall in the average size of Chinese  
ships, an increase of 2 ships being accom-  
panied by a decrease of 3,503 tons.

Foreign river steamers increased by 73  
ships of 2,817 tons, or 56 per cent. in num-  
bers and 0.35 per cent. in tonnage, which is  
explained by the smaller vessels running  
more frequently and the larger less often.  
Two small river steamers under Chinese  
colours were added to the West River run  
during the year. These vessels run only  
as far as Kong Mun, thus making many  
more trips than those running up to  
Wuchow.

It may not be out of place to draw a  
comparison here between these figures and  
those of twenty years ago. In 1889, 2,591  
British ships of 3,242,953 tons entered the  
port, against 9,856 ships of 11,437,681 tons  
in 1909. For foreign ships the figures are  
for 1889, 1,144 ships of 1,206,933 tons and  
in 1909, 5,688 ships of 8,593,500 tons.  
These figures are those for ocean and river  
steamers, which were not distinguished in  
1889, and ocean sailing ships, not junks.

The actual number of individual ocean  
vessels of European construction entering  
during 1909 was 701, being 336 British and  
365 foreign. The corresponding figures for  
1908 were respectively 745, 365, and 380.  
These 704 ships aggregated 1,035,845 tons.  
They entered 4,191 times, and gave a col-  
lective tonnage of 7,706,376 tons. Thus  
compared with 1908, 41 less ships entered  
207 more times, and gave a collective ton-  
nage increased by 343,878 tons.

The 330 British vessels carried 3,592  
British officers and 14 Foreign Officers, the  
latter consisting of 11 U.S.A., 2 Nor-  
wegians and 1 Dutch. Thus the propor-  
tion of Foreign Officers serving in British  
vessels was 0.42 per cent. comprising 3  
nationalities. A decrease of 0.01 per cent.  
with a decrease in number of officers and  
ships. The 268 Foreign vessels carried  
2,570 officers of whom 12 were British.

Thus 4.9 per cent of the Officers serving in  
foreign vessels were of British nationality.  
A decrease of 0.5 per cent. with a decrease  
in number of ships and officers.

## TRADE.

As pointed out last year, and in many  
previous years, the figures which used to  
appear under this heading were as a whole  
never accurate, and, in some cases, actually  
misleading. However in the few items of  
import trade of which, substantially  
accurate details can be given, the follow-  
ing summary may prove of interest. These  
items are coal, kerosene oil, including all  
products of petroleum, opium, morphine,  
compounds of opium and opium, and  
cotton. These four items, which in 1908  
were valued at £1,226,834 and were im-  
ported into the Colony during the year  
1909, show an increase over the

Imports of 1908, of 108,783 tons, or 10.8  
per cent. This would appear to be due to  
nothing more phenomenal than an increas-  
ed demand, and to a general improvement  
in business and manufactures. It is a  
curious fact that although the imports of  
coal have increased in this manner, the  
shipment of bunker coal in the Colony has  
decreased. This is due to the fact that an  
increasing number of vessels, calling  
Hongkong, prefer to take their bunker  
coal elsewhere, e.g., Japan, and most  
transhipment in Japan, Chinese in  
China—whichever a considerable quantity  
of coal passes through an Hongkong in transit  
—and many vessels on the home run at  
Singapore, &c. This may be due in part  
to the fear of detention in Hongkong,  
enhanced by the prevalence of typhoons of  
late years.

Kerosene Oil.—Decreases are shown in  
the cases of this product, viz., 28,333  
tons of bulk oil, 3,553 tons of case oil, and  
9,493 tons of Liquid Fuel. These de-  
creases are only what might have been  
expected after the phenomenal increases in  
1908, (indeed, my remarks on the subject  
forecasted them in this manner, the  
only falling off in the trade. Liquid fuel  
has increased considerably—(32 per cent.)  
over the figures for 1907—the last normal  
year.

Opium.—The imports of raw opium  
show a decrease of 4,057 chests, or 14.5  
per cent., while the exports declined by  
3,620 chests, or 9.7 per cent. During the  
year 1909, the raw opium trade of the  
Colony is described by the following  
figures—

Stock in hand, 1st January, 1909... 5,508  
Imported during the year... 35,724  
Total... 41,232

Boiled by Opium Farmer... 1,044  
Spurious Opium destroyed... 51  
Exported during the year... 35,938

Total... 37,933  
Stock remaining on 31st December  
1909... 4,298

Of the several varieties of opium ex-  
ported, the following are the figures for  
1909, compared with 1908, by 2,543  
lb., or 23.83 per cent., and exports by  
1,613 lb., or 19.76 per cent., while the  
amount which remained in the Colony for  
consumption increased by 330 lb., or 33.1  
per cent. The import of opium shows an  
increase of 356 lb., or 5.06 per cent. Im-  
ports and exports of opium were recorded  
for the first time and for the period from  
April 22nd to 31st December showed 68 lb.  
imported and 12 lb. exported.

Besides the above items, I propose to  
say a few words on the subject of other  
imports and exports. The figures for 1909  
appear to have been affected by a number of  
increases or decreases during the past year.  
Cotton and Cotton Yarn.—The figures  
for 1909 show a considerable increase of 135  
per cent. This increase is not borne out by  
facts, though a very considerable increase  
has taken place, about 40 to 50 per cent.  
This is a good example of the inaccuracy of  
the returns supplied to me and is obviously  
due to the fact that the cotton imported in  
1908 was largely reported as "general,"  
while in 1909 the reports have been more  
accurate. The actual increase is due to the  
great improvement in the trade, the figures  
for 1909 being greatly in excess of any of  
those for the previous four years.

From.—The total reported imports  
of flour during the year amounted to  
58,583 tons as against 91,312 tons in  
1908, a decrease of 35.3 per cent.  
The decrease is due to the fact, noted  
last year, that direct shipments to coast  
ports are now made. Another disposing  
cause for the decrease is the fact that the  
Shanghai flour mills, which obtain their  
raw material locally, are now successfully  
competing with American flour at the coast  
ports—Fuzhou, Amoy, Swatow, &c.,  
and are even sending through cargoes to  
Canton.

Rice.—In spite of a hopeful out-  
look last year, Rice has failed to  
come back to its previous figure.  
It has again declined from 721,224  
tons to 511,073 tons, or 29 per cent. This  
is due to a partial failure of the crops in  
Cochin China, and to the fact that many  
cargoes of rice from Saigon have been sent  
direct to coast ports, without touching,  
much less transhipping, at Hongkong.

The total reported imports during the  
year amounted to 4,195,008 tons as against  
4,109,856 in 1908, an increase of 0.6 per  
cent. Exports also show an increase,  
from 2,102,867 tons to 2,249,731 tons, or  
6.5 per cent., and transit cargo increased  
from 3,372,225 tons to 3,961,347 tons, or  
19 per cent. but for the reason given these  
figures are not reliable.

## REVENUE AND EXPENDITURE.

The gross revenue collected by the Har-  
bour Department during the year was  
\$462,460.82 as against \$377,768.52 col-  
lected in the previous year, showing an increase  
of \$84,692.30, or 22.4 per cent.  
The principal increases are, under light  
duty, \$24,497.69; light duty special, \$14,500.  
In respect of the Mongkok typh-  
oon refuge, \$90,337.07; junk licence,  
\$3,838.05; fees for straggle of explosives  
\$2,637.78; medical examination of emi-  
grants, \$7,667.20; examination of masters,  
&c., \$27.50; and Sundries, \$1,000 working  
permits, \$800. The falling off in revenue  
comes under the headings:—Engagement  
and discharge of seamen, \$1,052.80; sugar  
certificates and permits, \$550; dues  
\$4,000; steam-launch licence, \$239;  
\$230.70; and Sundries, \$1,000 working  
permits, \$800. The expenditure of the Har-  
bour Department for 1909 was \$189,072.04  
including \$3,291 specially expended on  
buys and the Crown grant charges for  
December 1908, but not including the  
Crown grant charges for Deco for 1909.  
Compared with 1908, this shows an increase  
of \$6,092.50 or 3.5 per cent.

## STAMEN-TOUCHES.

On the 31st December, there were 291  
steam-launches, including 9 motor boats  
employed in the harbour, of these 137  
were licensed for on-venue of passengers,  
&c., 146 were privately owned, 14 were  
the property of the Government, and 4  
belonged to the Imperial Government in  
charge of the military authorities.

Fifteen Masters' Certificates were  
suspended for incompetency or negligence  
in the performance of their duties, 3 in 6  
months, 1 for 3 months, 4 for 2 months, and  
6 for 1 month; one master's certificate was  
suspended for 6 months.

## (Continued on Page 3.)

## Intimations.

## PEARSON'S HYCOL

(Co-efficient 18/30)

The most POWERFUL DISINFECTANT in the WORLD. Guaranteed 18/30  
TIMES more effective than pure Carbolic Acid under GOVERNMENT STANDARD  
TEST on TYPHOID GERMS. Certificate of strength given to each buyer.  
NON-POISONOUS and NON-IRRITANT to HUMAN and ANIMAL life.  
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ONE GALLON will make 400 GALLONS of Efficient Disinfectant.  
PERFECT EMULSION IN WATER.  
PRICE \$3.00... per 1 Gallon Drum.  
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Ask Other manufacturers of fluids for a Guarantee of the Germicidal  
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HYCOL—This is the only way you can arrive at the Germ killing properties  
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Hongkong, May 3, 1910.

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Specialist in Examining and Refracting the Eye and  
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HAS the pleasure again of announcing to the Citizens of Hongkong that he has  
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a short yet sufficient time to give those desiring his services the opportunity of consult-  
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He is fully prepared as before with the most modern instruments and apparatus for  
thoroughly examining and refracting the eyes according to the latest and most approved  
methods as employed in the Metropolitan Eye Infirmary, and has the largest supply  
and greatest variety of all desirable kinds and styles of mounting and lenses of the best  
and most perfect quality ever brought to Hongkong including several thousand different spherical cylindrical  
and astigmatic lenses made especially to order for the correction of astigmatism,  
and other ocular defects which the common spherical lenses will not correct. Those having  
eye trouble or defective vision, who suffer from eye-ache, head-ache, inflammation of the  
eyes or lids or weakness of the ocular muscles, and those who are already using glasses  
which, in most cases are not the kind required—would do well to avail themselves of the  
exceptional opportunity and insurance facilities which are offered now for examining  
and refracting the eyes and procuring glasses of the right kind—an opportunity which  
for completeness of apparatus and supply of lenses, thoroughness of examination, per-  
fection of refraction which brings the vision up to the highest possible standard, and  
perfectly satisfactory results, has never before been equalled in this Colony nor ex-  
ceeded abroad as those who consult him are willing to attest. Being certificated in optics as  
in medicine, with over 30 years professional experience, and having thousands of  
references and testimonials from well-known and influential citizens of many countries  
including several British Colonies and Hongkong, which he visited in 1908, Dr. Lamb  
feels justified in saying of his service the most thorough reliable and satisfactory pro-  
charges reasonable. He supplies to patients are warranted to be correct.  
Hongkong, May 25, 1910.

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The Universal Remedy for Acidity of the  
Stomach, Headache, Heartburn, Indigestion,  
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from the Management of our firm,  
Notice is hereby given that from this  
date Mr. NG LUM has been appointed  
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WING SUN & CO.  
Hongkong, June 1, 1910.

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EVERY KIND  
OF  
Footwear.  
MADE  
TO  
ORDER.

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INSURANCE COMPANY.

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Authorized Capital £25,000,000  
Subscribed Capital £2,150,000  
Paid-up Capital £2,150,000  
Reserve Fund £1,847,224 18 6  
Sinking Fund Account £5,323 5 1

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Sinking Fund Account... 5,323 5 1

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NOTICE—This COAL can only be  
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Hongkong, August 11, 1908.

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COMPANY.  
ST. PETERSBURG, RUSSIA.  
TOTAL ASSETS... Rubles 73,000,000.  
NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that  
Messrs. MELOHES & CO. have  
been appointed our AGENTS in Hong-  
kong.

Referring to the above Notice, we have  
taken over the Agency of the  
ROSSIA INSURANCE COMPANY.  
ST. PETERSBURG, RUSSIA.  
And we are prepared to accept Orders for  
FIRE & MARINE INSURANCE  
(European and Chinese Risks) at Current  
Rates.  
MELOHES & CO.,  
Insurance Dept.  
Hongkong, February 4, 1910.



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ORGANIZED UNDER IMPERIAL DECREE OF  
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CAPITAL ----- { 15,000,000 Roubles  
                                  2,000,000 Sh. Tals.  
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GOVERNMENT 1,000,000 K. Tals.

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Bask	Kuanchengze	Tsicheng
Calcutta	London	Tokio
Chasloc	Marsoulan	Tschongtchik
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On Current Accounts at the rate of 2  
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Local Bills discounted. Special facilities  
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Hongkong, December 4, 1909.

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Paid-up Capital	...	...	...	£1,200,000
Reserve Fund	...	...	...	£1,500,000
Reserve Liability of Pro-				
porters	...	...	...	£1,200,000

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INTEREST allowed on Current Accounts at the rate of 3 % per annum on the Daily Balances.

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 Wm. DIXSON,  
 Manager.  
 Hongkong, April 23, 1919.

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RESERVE FUND.....  
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Capsule	13.00	1.10
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Capsule	17.50	1.50
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Seal Capsule	19.50	1.65
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sule	25.00	2.15

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King of Denmark's Birthday.

General Memoranda.

SATURDAY, June 4.—

11 a.m.—Auction of Miscellaneous Articles at Messrs Hughes &amp; Hough's Sales Rooms.

Noon—Auction of Saltpetre at Government Gunpowder Depot Green Island.

2.30 p.m.—Auction of Miscellaneous Goods at Mr Geo. P. Lammer's Sales Rooms.

6 p.m.—Balloon Ascent at Happy Restaurant.

Noon—Auction of Clothing and Travelling Trunks at Messrs Hughes &amp; Hough's Sales Rooms.

The China Mail.

Hongkong, Thursday, June 2, 1910

THE FUTURE OF THE PHILIPPINES.

Small the Philippines remain what they

have been in the main for centuries, the

home of peasant-proprietors, bearing

about them the stamp of Arcadian sim-

plicity, or shall the great financial

interests of the United States be allowed

to acquire huge estates in the islands,

which they will exploit solely and whol-

ly for their own exclusive benefit and

thus transform the archipelago into

tropical replicas of harsh, material

America? That is the question

which the *New York Nation* asks

itself in the course of a recent lead-

ing article. We gather that our con-

temporaries are not wholly pleased with

certain developments of the administra-

tion of the Hon. CAMERON FORBES, the

present Governor-General, neither is it

pleased with the attitude which President

Taft has taken up *vis-a-vis* the sale of

certain large slices of the Philippine lands

to people who really represent the United

States Sugar Trust. The *Nation* points

out that the late Senator Hoar was

responsible for the clause in the organic

law of the islands which forbids the

selling of more than forty acres of land

to an individual and of more than 2,500

acres of land to a corporation, the in-

tention being to prevent a capitalistic

exploitation of the islands and to

render all the more easy the turning over

of the Archipelago to its own peoples

soon as the United States of North

America find a suitable opportunity.

Attorney-General WICKESMAN, however,

has decided that the organic law does

not apply to the Friar lands, and hence

a block of 55,000 acres has passed

into the possession of one purchaser.

All the benevolent intentions of the

late President McKinley, Senator

Hoar and his fellow New England

thinkers have thus, according to our

contemporary, been brought to naught,

for what the Taft administration have

said to the Trustees is really this: "We

invite you to come in and ex-

ploit the Philippines; we found you

at home, but will make it up

for you out there." Our con-

temporaries say that this attitude on the

part of the President who was once

such a prominent advocate of the

policy of "the Philippines for the Philip-

pines" is very disappointing to all who

value national honour and duty. But on

the other hand, he will be applauded by

those who desire to see the United

States permanently hold the archipel-

ago for purely money-making purposes.

These good folk are sure that if millions

of American dollars are invested in the

Philippines by the all-powerful busi-

ness interests, the flag will never

come down. The *Nation* is not one

of those journals who allow settled

facts to disturb them in the cultivation

of their ideals, rather does it believe in

making facts, even the most stubborn,

bend to their ideas of "business."

Therefore more in sorrow than in anger

it writes:—"Of the repeal of the organic

law, which Mr. LORAN is now moving for,

we can only say that if it comes to pass,

it will reveal anew how firmly the

Republican party is in the grasp of the

corporate interests. As for the Filipinos,

the repeal of the organic law and the

sale of the Friar lands would be enough

to implant the seeds of revolution in

the hearts of all who hear of it. It

would mean a new motto: The Philip-

pines for the landgrabber, the exploiter,

the Trust, the conscienceless corpora-

tion." Our own opinion is that, though

certain politicians may try to disguise

the fact in specious phrases, America is

in the Philippines to stay and that the

interests of the archipelago will be best

served by a continuance of the present

line of administrative policy. Mr.

CAMERON FORBES is advocating the

investment of American money in the

islands from no sordid, selfish motives

but solely for the ultimate benefit

of the people over whom he has been

called, under Providence, to rule.

SOCIAL AND PERSONAL

The Hon Mr E. Osborne and Col.

C. W. R. St. John, C.E., have joined the

Church Body of the Cathedral.

Church Notes say:—"We have heard of

the Rev. F. T. Johnson's safe arrival at

Moscow. We hope soon to hear of him

from Ireland."

Friends of Mr J. W. White will be glad

to hear that he has recovered from his

recent illness and is now able to resume

his duties as Cathedral Organist.

Viceroy Yuan Shu-hsin is said to have

signified his desire to resign his post at

Canton unless he is authorized to abolish

licensed gambling in Kwangtung.

It is rumoured that Miss Evangeline

Booth, Commander of the Salvation Army

forces in the United States, is engaged to

be married to the Rev. Dr. Chapman, the

learned and world-known evangelist.

After a very enjoyable visit spent in

Hongkong (during which several vegetarian

banquets were given in his honour by the

Italian and Japanese Consuls and others),

H.E. Wu Ting-fang has left for the North.

It is quite on the cards that he will be

appointed to be head of the Wai-wu-pu,

though Peking gossip also says that the

Regent wishes to send him to Tibet as

senior Amban.

The Paris *Soleil* in a recent leading

article said:—"May King Edward's suc-

cessor find, in the example given by his

father, the knowledge and strength neces-

sary to protect public liberties and the

monarchical principle, and to preserve

England from having to pass through the

convulsions we have suffered from, in

which social order and national greatness

perished with public liberty."

Mr Pott Ridge, whose marriage to the

youngest daughter of Mr Carl Henschel

is announced, has been described as "The

Modern Dickens," and undoubtedly he has

an appreciation of the humour and the

pathos of life in the lower middle classes

which, in its literary expression, has much

in common with the great novelist. Mr

Pott Ridge had published several works of

fiction before he made his name with

"Mord Em'ly" twelve years ago, and con-

firmed the truth of all the pleasant things

written about his effort by following it up

the next year with "A Son of the State."

The plaintiff of Mr John D. Rocke-

feller that the high cost of living in America

prevented him taking a holiday has

been endorsed by another multi-millionaire.

This was Mr Anthony J. Drexel, while

returning on the *Luxuria* after attending

the wedding of his son to Miss Marjorie

Gould. The famous banker, however, was

not so lucky, like the Oil King, but strongly

denounced the outrageous prices now

charged for ordinary commodities. He

complained that he had to pay 75¢ for

two eggs and a cup of tea at the Waldorf

Astoria Hotel and protested that the

country was being ruined by reckless

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## NEWS OF THE DAY.

Lady May will distribute the prizes at

the Kowloon British School at 11 o'clock

on Saturday morning.

One case of plague has been notified

since noon yesterday, in New Market

Street.

The balloon ascent, which was to have

taken place this afternoon, has been post-

poned till Saturday next. See advertise-

ment.

We print on our inside pages to-day

the annual report of the Harbour Master.

It is crammed with most interesting facts

and figures.

The Colonial Secretary kindly informs

us that the importation of dogs from

Bangkok has been prohibited for six

months from to-day.

How much longer are the decaying

wreaths and rotting emblems to cumber

King's Edward's statue? Is it nobody's

business to see to this thing?

Two Monarchs celebrate their birthdays

to-morrow—King George of Britain and

King Frederick of Denmark. The former

will be 45 years of age and the latter 67.

Lord Rosebery denies the assertion

made by the *Liverpool Post* that he intend-

ed to postpone the moving of his Resolu-

tions in regard to the House of Lords until

November 19.

A Decree has been issued ordering the

dismissal of the Hunan Treasurer, the loca-

l Tientsin and other officials; the degradation

of the leading gentry and the decapitation

of the Changsha riot leaders.

We have not heard that any of Hong-

kong's putters were lucky enough to draw

a horse in the Calcutta Derby sweep this

year. Lord Rosebery's entry, Neil Gow,

not even finding a place has caused some

disappointment to local "brither Scots."

His Excellency the Archbishop A.

Agius, Papal Delegate for the Philippine

Islands, has kindly consented to celebrate

at the Roman Catholic Cathedral Holy

Mass with General Communion at 7 a.m.

on the 3rd inst., being the Feast of the

Sacred Heart.

For a father and his nine children to

have passed through one university is re-

markable, even in Scotland, and in these

days of higher education for all. Such a

case came to light, however, at Aberdeen

University when the honorary degree of

D.D. was conferred on the father of the

academician family.

The much harassed "Water Author-

ity" must have viewed with satisfaction

the aspect of the skies when he arose this

morning. Heavy clouds, rolling in from

the South-west soon spread a pall which

bore every promise that rain was not far







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SHANGHAI	ARCADIA	About 9th June	Freight and Passengers.
LONDON, via UGAL FORT	ASSAYE	Noon, 11th June	See Special of Call.
LONDON & ANTWERP	BOREO	About 15th June	Freight and Passengers.
Yokohama, via SINGAPORE, Cebu, Port Said & Marseilles	Cap. W. H. S. HALL	June	Passage.
SHANGHAI, MOJI, KOBÉ, YOKOHAMA	Cap. A. G. GUSTAV, R.N.R.	About 18th June	Freight and Passengers.

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E. A. HEWITT, Superintendent.

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EMPERESS OF INDIA	EMPERESS OF IRELAND
SATURDAY, 12th JULY	FRIDAY, 12th AUG.
EMPERESS OF JAPAN	ALLAN LINE
SATURDAY, 6th AUG.	FRIDAY, 2nd SEPT.
EMPERESS OF CHINA	EMPERESS OF BRITAIN
TUESDAY, 16th AUG.	FRIDAY, 23rd SEPT.
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Hongkong, November 17, 1908.

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MAIL SCHEDULE.

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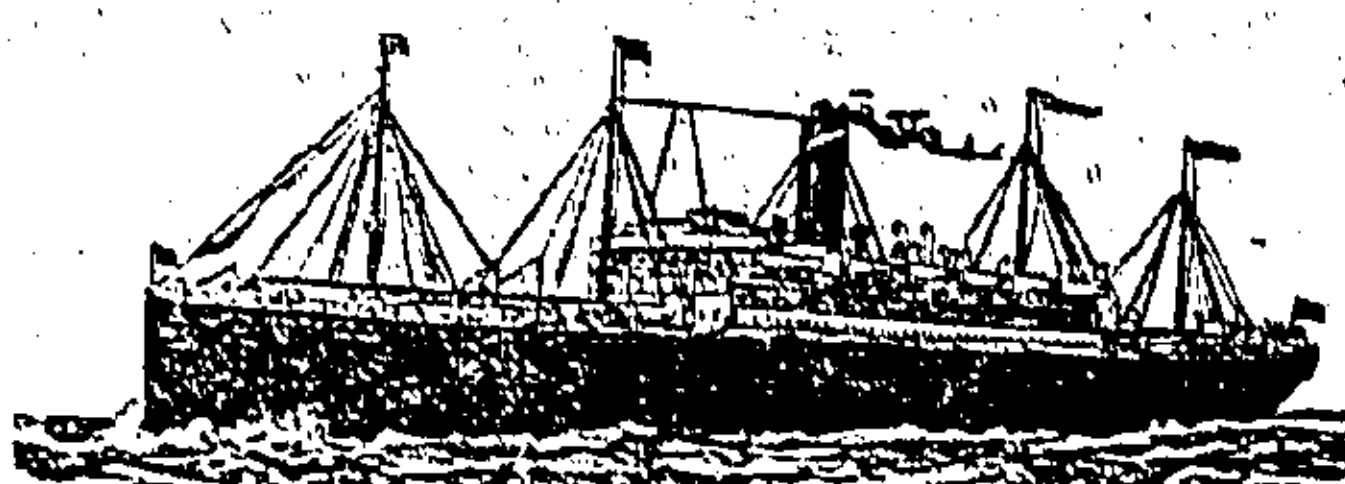
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* CHIYO MARU	21,000	SATURDAY, 11th June, at 1 p.m.
* MONGOLIA	27,000	SATURDAY, 2nd July, at 1 p.m.
* TENYO MARU	21,000	SATURDAY, 9th July, at 1 p.m.
* KOREA	18,000	SATURDAY, 16th July, at 1 p.m.
* NIPPON MARU	18,000	SATURDAY, 30th July, at 1 p.m.
* SIBERIA	18,000	SATURDAY, 6th Aug., at 1 p.m.

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## AMOY NOTES.

(From Our Own Correspondent.)

MR. BROUGHT.

AMOY, May 30.

It is many a long year since so serious a drought has visited this part of the Fukien Province.

About nine years ago, a somewhat similar state of things occurred, but the rains came earlier than this, and there was a large supply of water in the rivers and pools before the drought commenced.

What makes the present condition so much more serious is the fact that we had an unusually dry winter, and so the water supply was at its lowest ebb in the month of February.

In normal years, we get a fair supply of rain about the beginning of the Chinese New Year, which failed us this year.

And every week and month since then, the farmers have been hoping that the spring rains would come, so that they might plant their rice, but hitherto this has been impossible, save in specially favoured spots.

Moreover, even where some rice has already been planted, the lack of rain, and the emptiness of the pools on which they rely to continue pumping water into their fields, have caused the rice plants to wither for want of moisture.

DEAR RICE.

As a natural consequence of the drought, the price of rice has gone up by more than a third, and though some is being imported from the South, it will only partially relieve the stringency of the market, seeing that the cost of distributing it is so heavy.

One notes the Chinese of this Province are being taught by bitter experience the economic loss resulting upon their bad roads and the lack of railroads.

But also, instead of seeing that this is one cause of their troubles, the only way they seem to think of curing them is to spend money in long processions, in taking the 'God' out to the parched fields to see the distressing state of things; and in the burning of vast quantities of incense sticks and joss paper, &amp;c.

THE COMET.

During the cloudy evenings at the beginning of last week, the comet was not very distinct and even when there were no clouds, the moonlight was too strong on several nights to render the tail visible to any extent.

But now that the moon rises later than the Comet, it is still a most conspicuous object in the Western sky after dark.

While not by any means as fine a sight as a fortnight ago, when it rose before the sun, it is still much brighter than the majority of comets which visit our system, and come within our view.

Has the excess of rain in the Yangtze Valley, and the lack of rain in the South anything to do with the Comet? Both are due to the strange failure of the South West Monsoon to reach as far north as usual, for the prolongation of the winter North East Monsoon into April and June is a most abnormal phenomenon, and luckily one that seldom occurs.

But it is singular to say the least, that it should happen when the largest comet we have of reaches our sphere.

May it not be that it does after all exert some influence on the electrical conditions prevailing between the sun and the earth? It will be very interesting later on to see what the astronomers and meteorologists say about the weather conditions of this 'Comet' year.

AMOY TRADE.

The condition of trade in Amoy is far from buoyant, and the fluctuations in the price of opium and other commodities do not make for improvement.

On Tuesday this week, Wednesday and Thursday, May 25th and 26th, no steamer either arrived or departed, and there were only two steamers in the harbour.

It is true that six steamers came in the day after 27th, but it is very seldom we get two days running with no arrivals at all.

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TIENSIN, via WEI HAI	CHEONGSHING	MONDAY, June 6, at 4 p.m.
SHANGHAI, KOBÉ and MOI	FOOKSANG	FRIDAY, June 10, at Noon
MANILA	LOONGSANG	FRIDAY, June 10, at 4 p.m.
SINGAPORE, PENANG, KUTSANG and CALCUTTA	KUTSANG	SATURDAY, June 11, at Noon

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